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On 6/9, the Deputy PolCouns joined representatives of the UK and French Embassies in urging Mexico to support the extension of the HRC's Special Rapporteur on Sudan. Reyna Torres Mendivil, the Deputy Director General of the Foreign Ministry's Office of International Policy on Human Rights, agreed this decision spoke to the credibility of the HRC. At the same time, she stressed the importance Mexico attached to negotiating terms agreeable to the host government (Sudan) that would also enjoy the support of the African Group. Without this, Mexico did not believe the rapporteur could hope to be very effective. At the end, she made it clear Mexico intended to vote in favor of a resolution to extend the mandate but intimated GOM reluctance about advocating support for the resolution with other GRULAC members absent wider African support.

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